If our area annexed to Renton, would our street addresses change?

No. The Renton City Council approved an ordinance in August 2006 so that newly annexed areas will **retain their current addresses**, except those areas in the East Renton Plateau west of 160th Ave. SE, north of Maple Valley Highway, and south of May Valley Rd.

The City's policy has historically been to have a uniform address standard to help with consistent response for police and fire services. The City previously imposed a system for naming streets in which avenues that run north and south are named after cities and towns in Washington, and streets that run east and west are numbered, and all streets are given directional prefixes or suffixes with downtown Renton as the center point.

If very large areas of the City's Potential Annexation Area are annexed, thousands of residents would have been forced to change their addresses to conform with the City's new street names. This requirement was frequently cited as an inconvenience and reason not to annex into the City.